



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

**RALPH N. YUMUL**

CHAIRMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-76

DATE: April 11, 2024

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-44

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Capitol Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

**House Local Bill No. 23-44:** "To appropriate the sum of \$66,210.00 from the fund remaining balance under Saipan Local Law 19-24 (Business Unit 7177N) for the payment of public recreational facilities utility costs and repairs in Precinct IV; repairs of public park playground equipment in Precinct IV; repairs of public restroom facilities in Precinct IV and for fuel and lubrication; and for other purposes."

begs leave to report as follows:

### **I. RECOMMENDATION:**

After conducting financial due diligence, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-44 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

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**II. ANALYSIS:****A. Purpose:**

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate the sum of \$66,210.00 from the fund remaining balance under Saipan Local Law 19-24 (Business Unit 7177N) for the payment of public recreational facilities utility costs and repairs in Precinct IV; repairs of public park playground equipment in Precinct IV; repairs of public restroom facilities in Precinct IV and for fuel and lubrication.

**B. Committee Findings:**

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which House Local Bill No. 23-44: "To appropriate the sum of \$66,210.00 from the fund remaining balance under Saipan Local Law 19-24 (Business Unit 7177N) for the payment of public recreational facilities utility costs and repairs in Precinct IV; repairs of public park playground equipment in Precinct IV; repairs of public restroom facilities in Precinct IV and for fuel and lubrication; and for other purposes" was referred, examined and confirmed that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. The Committee received the Fund Certification from the Department of Finance dated March 15, 2024, certifying the availability of funds in the amount of \$66,210.00. Therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-44 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

The Fund Certification has been attached as part of this committee report.

**C. Legislative History:**

House Local Bill No. 23-44 was introduced by Representative Joel C. Camacho and Representative Malcolm J. Omar on March 28, 2024, and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

**III. CONCLUSION:**

The Committee is content and confident with the Fund Certification from the Department of Finance with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-44; therefore, it recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-44 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

Respectfully submitted,

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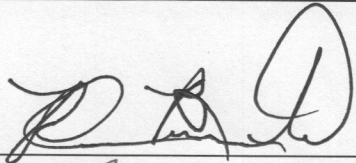
Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman



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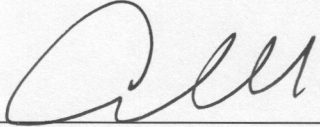
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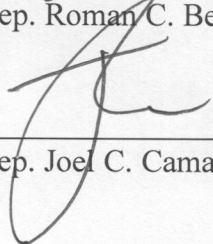
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Rep. Angelo A. Camacho, Member

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Rep. Joel C. Camacho, Member

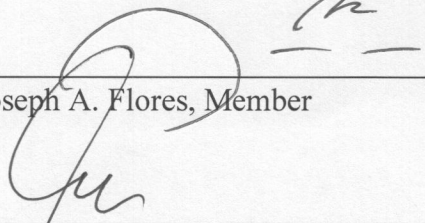
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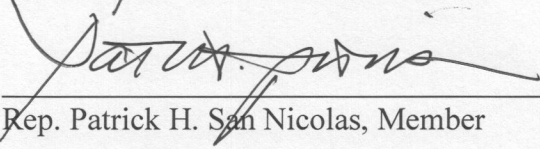
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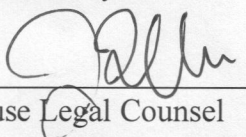
Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member

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Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:

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House Legal Counsel

Attachment: Fund Certification dated March 15, 2024



Office of the Secretary  
**Department of Finance**



P.O. Box 5234 CHRB SAIPAN, MP 96950 TEL (670) 664-1100 FAX: (670) 664-1115

Funding Source: Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees  
 Project Name: SLL 19-24 Precinct IV Improvements  
 JDE Business Unit: 7177N  
 Project Ledger Number: RL20010003  
 General Ledger Number: 7177N  
 Request From: Rep. Joel C. Camacho  
 Requested By: Legislature  
 Prepared on: 3/15/2024

	SOF	Financial Services	Total
<b>SLL 19-24 Section 2 (p)</b>			\$ 100,000.00
<b>JDE Revenue</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>		
(Transfers In)	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00
Revised Budget (Transfers Out)			\$ -
<b>JDE Expenses as of 09/30/2016</b>			
Actuals			\$ -
Encumbrance			\$ -
Ending Balance FY2016			\$ 100,000.00
No Activity	<b>FY 2017</b>		
No Activity	<b>FY 2018</b>		
No Activity	<b>FY 2019</b>		
<b>JDE Expenses as of 09/30/2020</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>		
Actuals	\$ 225.00		\$ (225.00)
Encumbrance			\$ -
Ending Balance FY2020			\$ 99,775.00
No Activity	<b>FY 2021</b>		
<b>PL Revenue</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>		
Original Budget	\$ 70,985.00		\$ 70,985.00
(Transfers In)	\$ 99,775.00		\$ 99,775.00
Revised Budget (Transfers Out)	\$ 70,985.00		\$ (70,985.00)
<b>PL Expenses</b>			
Actuals	\$ 28,790.00		\$ (28,790.00)
Encumbrance			\$ -
Ending Balance FY2022			\$ 70,985.00
No Activity	<b>FY 2023</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>		
GL (Transfers In)			\$ -
Revised Budget (Transfers Out)			\$ -
<b>Expenses</b>			
Actuals	\$ 1,134.33		\$ (1,134.33)
Encumbrance		\$ 281.65	\$ (281.65)
Requisitions			\$ -
Ending Balance FY2024			\$ 69,569.02
<b>Certified Balance as of 3/15/2024</b>			<b>\$ 69,569.02</b>



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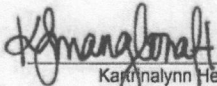
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JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances Debit Credit  
 No Adjustments Needed

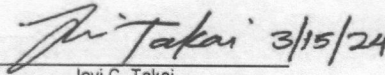
General Journal Debit Credit  
 No Adjustments Needed

Budget Transfers and Amendments Decrease Increase  
 No Adjustments Needed

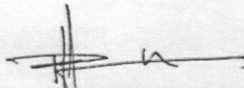
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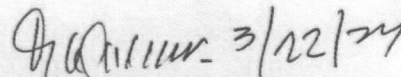
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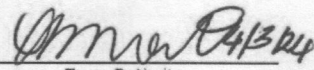
Reviewed By:

  
 Ryan C. Camacho  
 Senior Financial Analyst

Concurred By:

  
 Bernadita C. Palacios  
 Director of Financial Services

Certified By:

  
 Tracy B. Norita  
 Secretary of Finance

512000 .. Fund Certification Inquiry... Thru Date/Period . 09/30/22  
 Precinct IV-construct baseball Subledger. . . . .  
 Job Number . . . . . 7177N G/L Posted Code (Actuals Only) . . . . .  
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 Thru . . . . . 69999 . . . . . LOD Seq Act P/C/I Proj Days

O P	Account Description	TBUD. Budget (BA/BX)	OPEN Open Encumbrance	AA . . Actual Amount	VAR7. Budget Variance	L D
...	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS					3
...	OTHER CHARGES	100000	28790	225	70985	4
	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	100000	28790	225	70985	3
	Total Selected Accounts	100000	28790	225	70985	2

Opt: . 1=Audit . 2=More Detl . 3=Commitments . F16=Chg Mgt F19=Back F20=Nxt . . . .



Project Detail

Pos	Date	Sou	Ref1	PO/Ref2	Ref3	Ref4	Amount	GL Org	GL Object	GL Project	Check #	Warrant	Vendor
Y	03/09/2022	API	102035		34921	9733	3,640.00	51200700	65040		23002162	G052022A	K.L. CAR
Y	03/09/2022	API	102035		34924	9733	25,150.00	51200700	65040		23002162	G052022A	K.L. CAR

Amount [Total: 28,790.00 ]

**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**MARCH 28, 2024**

**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

**H. L. B. 23-44**

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**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT  
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate the sum of \$66,210.00 from the fund remaining balance under Saipan Local Law 19-24 (Business Unit 7177N) for the payment of public recreational facilities utility costs and repairs in Precinct IV; repairs of public park playground equipment in Precinct IV; repairs of public restroom facilities in Precinct IV and for fuel and lubrication; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF**

**THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1           **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate \$66,210.00 from the fund  
3 remaining balance under Saipan Local Law 19-24 (Business Unit 7177N) for the  
4 payment of public recreational facilities utility costs and repairs in Precinct IV;  
5 repairs of public park playground equipment in Precinct IV; repairs of public  
6 restroom facilities in Precinct IV and for fuel and lubrication and for other purposes.



1           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

2           Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the  
3           contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan  
4           and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates  
5           \$66,210.00 from the fund remaining balance under Saipan Local Law 19-24  
6           (Business Unit 7177N) for the payment of public recreational facilities utility costs  
7           and repairs in Precinct IV; repairs of public park playground equipment in  
8           Precinct IV; repairs of public restroom facilities in Precinct IV and for fuel and  
9           lubrication as follows:

10           (a) \$25,000.00 for utility costs associated with the use of lights and/or water  
11           in public recreational facilities or parks in Precinct IV; and

12           (b) \$11,210.00 for the repair or replacement of damaged or deteriorated  
13           infrastructure (chain-link fence, basketball rims, backboards, nets, solar lights, etc.)  
14           of public recreational facilities in Precinct IV; and

15           (c) \$10,000.00 for the repairs of public playground equipment in Precinct  
16           IV; and

17           (d) \$10,000.00 for the maintenance and repairs of public restroom facilities  
18           in Precinct IV; and

19           (e) \$10,000.00 for fuel and lubrication of equipment for projects in Precinct  
20           IV.

1           **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

2           The expenditure authority for the funds shall be the Secretary of the  
3 Department of Lands and Natural Resources and the expenditure authority for the  
4 funds under Section 2(a) shall be the Secretary of Finance, in consultation with the  
5 Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Director of  
6 Parks and Recreation.

7           **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

8           Notwithstanding any laws, provisions, or regulations to the contrary, funds  
9 appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.

10          **SECTION 5. FISCAL YEAR.**

11          The funds allocated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

12          **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

13          Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be  
14 responsible to report all expenses to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern  
15 Islands Legislative Delegation a detail report showing the expenditure of the funds.  
16 Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities that were afforded  
17 funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by  
18 the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

19          **SECTION 7. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

20          Funds appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be distributed  
21 accordingly to the intended purpose and or entity upon this Act becoming law.

1           **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

2           If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any  
3 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
4 the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
5 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected  
6 thereby.

7           **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

8           This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as  
9 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
10 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
11 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to  
12 prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in  
13 any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in  
14 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

15           **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16           This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming  
17 law without such approval.

Prefiled: 3/22/2024

HOUSE LOCAL BILL 23-44

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Date: 3/22/2024

Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Joel C. Camacho  
/s/ Rep. Malcolm J. Omar  
/s/ Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao  
/s/ Rep. Diego V. F. Camacho  
/s/ Rep. Manny G. T. Castro  
/s/ Rep. Marissa R. Flores  
/s/ Rep. Edwin K. Propst  
/s/ Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Joseph M. Hallahan, 3/22/2024  
House Legal Counsel